

FINANCE AND TRADE

Continued Improvement in Speculative Sentiment

EFFECT OF GOLD IMPORTATIONS

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
NEW YORK, August 31.—The improvement in speculative sentiment noted at the close of last week's trading was continued this morning to the greater advancement of prices. The engagement of more than four millions additional gold for import, bringing the total amount up to nearly \$18,000,000, had a beneficial influence, checking a disposition to sell, which was conspicuous among traders during the opening hour.
 An importation of \$5,000,000 gold by Ca-

The absence of evidences of artificiality in this movement has inspired confidence in its ability to relieve the money famine of a few days ago. Leading foreign houses continue to predict liberal shipments during the week, notwithstanding the fact London cables are opposed to this theory. Money on call fluctuated between 6 and 8 per cent, thereby facilitating the gold movement.

An advance of 2½ per cent in Manhattan was the conspicuous feature of the day's developments, the same interests active last week being well represented in the buying. The continuation of present dividends and

A sharp rise in Sugar was credited to the masterly manipulation from inside

sources announced no trade arguments to overcome the small opposition of room operators. The advance in American Tobacco was merely another of the periodical movements for which this property has of late been noted. That the movement was deliberately undertaken is suggested by the fact that the well informed were fully advised of the intention early in the day. The short interest in Western Union was again active in liquidating outstanding positions as the result of rumors announcing that the company's larger interests had been in progress for several days. The demand for securities from outside sources has not assumed proportions

Lake Shore's statement for the June quarter, showing a surplus of \$57.25, as compared with \$38.84 for a similar period one year ago, was the first of its kind in 10 years. The company reports cash on hand amounting to \$1,529,948. Railroad returns from

other sources were not more than fairly creditable.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents, Messrs. Moore & Schieff, No. 80 Broadway.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Sugar.....	106 1/2	108 1/2	106 1/2	108 1/2
American Sugar, Pfd.....	98	98	98	98
American Tobacco.....	98	99 1/2	98	98
American Cotton Oil.....	8			

Arlinson	11%	11%	11%	1%
Baltimore & Ohio	74	14	13%	13%
Bay State Gas	14	14	14	74
Canada Southern	44%	44%	44%	44%
Canada Pacific				
Chesapeake & Ohio	18%	13%	13%	10%
C. C. & St. Louis	24	24	24	24
Chicago, B. & Q.	61%	62%	60%	61%
Chicago & Northwestern	95	96	95	96%
Chicago Gas	50%	50%		

C. M. & St. Paul	65	66	65	66
C. M. & St. Paul, Pfd.	65	66	65	66
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	55	56	55	56
Consolidated Gas	141	142	141	142
Del., Lack. & W.	150	151	150	151

Delaware & Hudson,					
Inc., Rockville, Md.,					
American Spirits,	4%	5	4%	5	
Erie,	12%	12%	12	12%	
Rocky Mt. Ry.,	34%	25	34	25%	
Illinois Central					
Laclede Gas,					
Lake Shore,	141%	142	141%	141	
Louisville & Nashville,	40%	41	40%	40%	
Metropolitan Traction,	90%	91	90%	91	
Northwestern,	80%	80	80	81%	
Michigan Central,	80%	80	80%		
Missouri Pacific,	17%	17%	17	17%	
Rocky Mt. Ry.,	34%	34	34	34%	
National Lead Co., Pfd.,	79	80	79	79	
New Jersey Electric,	95%	95%	95	95	
New York Central,	100%	100	100	100	
Northern Pacific,	10%	10%	10%	10	
Northern Pacific, Pfd.,	17%	16	17	17	
Northwestern,	80%	80	80	80	
Out. & Western,	12%	12	12	12	
Pacific Mail,	13%	18%	13	18	
Pack & Mail,	13%	18%	13	18	
Pullman P. C. Co.,	141	141	141	141	
Southern Ry., Pfd.,	25	20	25	20%	
St. Paul,	83%	83	83	83	
Texas Pacific,	5%	5	5	5	
Union Pacific and Iron,	17%	17	17	17	
Union Pacific,	17%	17	17	17	
U. S. Leather, pfd.,	45%	47	45%	45	
Wabash Ry.,	18%	18	18	18	
Wheeling & L. Erie,	23%	23	23	23	
Wheeling & L. Erie, Pfd.,	23%	23	23	23	

Western Union Tel.....	10 1/2	11	10 1/2	11 1/2
Silver.....

Grain and Cotton Markets.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., 1421 F street, members New York stock exchange.

		GRAIN.			
		Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Sept.....		50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/4	50 1/2
Dec.....		50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/4	50 1/2
Corn—Sept.....		20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/4	20 1/2
Dec.....		22 1/2	22 3/4	22 1/4	22 1/2
Oats—Sept.....		15 1/2	15 3/4	15 1/4	15 1/2
Dec.....		16 1/2	17	16 1/4	16 1/2
Pork—Sept.....		5.57	5.60	5.52	5.55

Jan.....	6.85	6.85	6.80	6.82
Lard—Sept.....	3.30	3.32	3.30	3.30
Jan.....	3.75	3.75	3.72	3.72
Ribs—Sept.....	3.12	3.15	3.07	3.07
Jan.....	3.40	3.45	3.40	3.45

COTTON.				
Month.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
October.....	7.42	7.68	7.42	7.64
November.....	7.39	7.64	7.39	7.64
December.....	7.45	7.70	7.45	7.66
January.....	7.52	7.75	7.50	7.72

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 31.—Flour dull—western super, \$1.90a\$2.10; do. extra, \$2.35a\$2.75; do. family, \$3.10a\$3.40; winter wheat, eastern, \$3.50a\$3.75.

\$3.75; spring do., \$3.40a\$3.70; spring wheat straight, \$3.20a\$3.35—receipts, 8,981 barrels; exports, none. Wheat steady—spot, month and September, 62½a 62¾; October, 63½a63¾; December, 65½a65¾; steamer No. 2 red, 56½a57—receipts, 23,408 bushels; exports, none; stock, 1,291,437 bushels; sales, 61,000 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 61a63½; do. on grade, 60½a63½. Corn steady—spot and month, 25½a26; September, 25½a26½; October,

264; a236; November and December, new-would old, 274; asked: January, 274 bld; steamer mixed, 2174
a22 receipts, 173,370 bushels; exports, 110,257
bushels; stock, 1,408,485 bushels; sales, 1,500
bushels—southern white and yellow corn, 269a274
Oats steady—No. 2 white, 25a26; No. 2 mixed, 23a
23b receipts, 9,231 bushels; exports, none; stock,
269a274; demand, 269a274

208,620 bushels—receipts, 1,054 bushels; exports, none; stock, 43,596 bushels. Hay quiet, demand tame—choice timothy, \$14a\$14.50. Grain freights continue firm—steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 3½d., October; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3a4d., September. Sugar steady—granulated, \$4.83 per 100 lbs. Butter firm—fancy creamery, 17a18; do.

imitation, 13a15; do. ladle, 12; good ladle, 10a11; store packed, 7a9. Eggs firm—fresh, 14. Cheese firm—fancy New York, 60 pounds, cheddars, 10a9; do., 35 pounds, flats, 9a9; do., 22 pounds, picnics, 9a10. Whisky, \$1.30a\$1.31 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; \$1.31a\$1.32 for jobbing lots.

Had Heard of Her.
From the San Francisco Times and Observer.
The lecturer inquired dramatically:
"Can any one in this room tell me of a perfect man?"

There was a dead silence.
"Has any one," he continued, "heard of a perfect woman?"
Then a patient-looking little woman in a black dress rose up at the back of the auditorium and answered:
"There was one. I've often heard of her, but she's dead now. She was my bus-

band's first wife."